

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/653,520
Request for Reconsideration dated February 27, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 25, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner, at page 2, rejects claims 52-55 and 126-135 for obviousness-type double patenting reasons in view of claims 1, 7-9, 15, and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,639,787. Furthermore, the Examiner rejects claims 38-40, 87, 88, 90, 91, 93-97, 151-158, and 167 for obviousness-type double patenting reasons in view of claims 1-6, 9, and 25-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,759,026. For the following reasons, these rejections are respectfully traversed.

While the applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is not obvious in view of the subject matter specifically set forth in the patent claims noted by the Examiner, to expedite prosecution of the present application, the applicants submit a terminal disclaimer in view of the two patents. Accordingly, for these reasons, these rejections should be withdrawn.

The applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's indication that the remaining claims are allowed. Furthermore, in view of the terminal disclaimer, all claims should now be in condition for allowance.

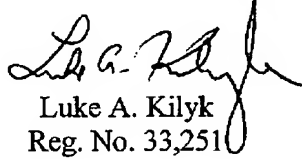
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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